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In re application of : **NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL**
John Montminy : **FROM ISSUE**
: **UNDER 37 CFR. 1.313**

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For: **THREADED PIN FOR CARBON ELECTRODES, AND ELECTRODE
ASSEMBLY WITH A THREADED PIN**

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee to permit reopening of prosecution, due to newly discovered prior art. The examiner will communicate an office action to you.

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The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

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